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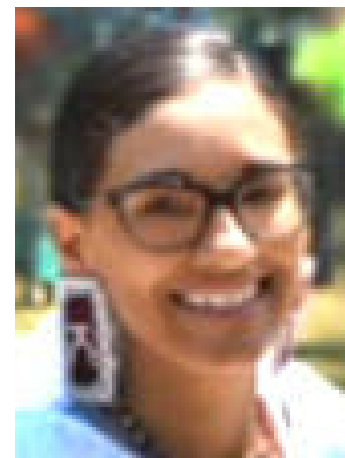
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On Jan. 24, the Tuscarora Confederacy of Robeson County delivered its final response to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Preliminary Findings and Deficiencies associated with the petition for state recognition.

It took the Tuscarora people precisely 358 days to demonstrate kinship relationships with other recognized American Indian tribes. These relationships with other recognized American Indian tribes were based on the petitioner's identification as an American Indian group or community, and were evidenced by historic blood and marriage kinship ties and communal interaction of spiritual, educational, and social institutions; or other cultural relationships between known (recognized) tribal communities and the petitioner's community

The Tuscarora Confederacy provided official records, which included, birth, church, school, military, medical, local and county government records, and other official records identifying the Tuscarora people as American Indian. These vital records will be used in assisting the Tuscarora people's documentation of American Indian identity. The Tuscarora also provided State and Federal documents identifying them as American Indian. Additionally, documents were submitted which evidenced numerous instances of historic government-to-government relationships between the Tuscarora bands and federal and state governments.

The Tuscarora people also submitted identification from both state and federally recognized American Indian tribes attesting to the petitioning group's identification as American Indian. This acknowledgement was based on both the historic and current relationships existing

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between the tribe and the Tuscarora people of Robeson County. Finally, the Tuscarora people demonstrated participation in grants from sources or programs designated as for American Indian only by submitting approved grant awards totaling to \$150,000.

The Tuscarora Bands of Robeson County are historically and genealogically interrelated Tuscarora bands or communities in Robeson County. Historically, our Tuscarora communities never unified under an “umbrella” name, but commonly operated in bands in various land settlements in the state of North Carolina. The Tuscarora Bands of Robeson County tribal governance has survived through a family-clan leadership structure preserved through our communities for over 150 years.

The Confederation was chartered to promote the common good of our people, govern ourselves under our own laws, protect and maintain our tribal culture and preserve the legacy of our ancestors. Member bands or communities benefit from collaboration and cooperation on issues of tribal governance, coordination with local, state, and federal government, ensuring representation in national and international venues, and providing a collective voice in matters concerning Indian Country.

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It is our desire that this final response to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs State Recognition Committee will put to end to a 41-year-old battle for reinstatement for state recognition. The Tuscarora people have challenged the honorable Governor Cooper to employ a close watch to ensure the duration of the state recognition process is fair, unbiased, and protected from tribal discrimination and political tactis of neighboring North Carolina Recognized Tribes.

The Tuscarora people have suffered tremendously due to political scrutinizing, tribal discrimination, and paper genocide of our history. The time to end this tribal discrimination is NOW.

Tamra Lowry is the public relations representative for the Tuscarora Nation of North located in Maxton.



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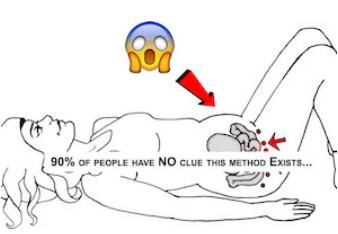
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John • 2 years ago

It is quite simple just ask the Federally Recognized Tuscarora Nation in New York State if they have relatives in this group or club. Every Indigenous Nation that has been torn in half due to the European Americans invasion can show family ties to each other no matter the distance they were forced apart.

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Paul R. Jones John • 2 years ago

John: Would you provided the enumerated powers in our United States Constitution to make your post true?

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John Paul R. Jones • 2 years ago

I don't have a list of numbers if that is what you are looking for. What I am simply saying is that there are family ties between the Northern Cheyenne and Southern Cheyenne, There are also family ties between the Eastern Band of Cherokee from Cherokee NC and the UKB and the Western Cherokee of Oklahoma, and I am certain the the Choctaw of Mississippi and the Choctaw of Oklahoma have the same lineage. This due to the fact that these Nations started as one before the invasion happened. So if the people from North Carolina that claim Tuscarora blood are who they say they are, it should be simple for them to show their connection to the Tuscarora that are historically documented to have sought refuge with the People of the Long House.

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Paul R. Jones John • 2 years ago

John: Your reply does not answer my question. There are no enumerated powers in the United States Constitution to make a

select group of U.S./State citizens distinguishable by "Federal recognition" from all other U.S./State citizens because of their Indian ancestry/race be it Northern or Southern Cheyenne or Cherokee or Choctaw. All are U.S./State citizens none of whom under our Constitution are recognized because of their Indian ancestry/race.

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John → Paul R. Jones • 2 years ago

Oh ok I think I understand what you are asking. You will have to look through the treaties between the United States government and each individual indigenous nation. I hope that helps you find the answer to your questions.

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Paul R. Jones → John • 2 years ago

John: Nope.
Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 (treaty clause) makes for no provisions for treaties between We, the People of the United States and 'other' We, the People of the United States because of the 'others' Indian ancestry/race!
2. The United States Constitution makes for no provisions for 'individual indigenous nations' post passage of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924.
Again, the United States Constitution has no enumerated powers to make a select group of U.S./State citizens distinguishable by "Federal recognition" from all other U.S./State citizens because of their Indian ancestry/race be it Northern or Southern Cheyenne or Cherokee or Choctaw. All are U.S./State citizens none of whom under our Constitution are recognized

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John → Paul R. Jones • 2 years ago

Perhaps you should ask a professor of law. I don't know how to navigate in the gray areas of law. I only understand right and wrong. Therefore I can only follow the trail or the signs, so to speak, so I do not have the validation that you seek.

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Paul R. Jones → John • 2 years ago

John: Well said. Over the last 17-years, I have discovered you are not alone. I am way passed law professors. Not one politician-state or federal-can answer this question presented in all levels of State and Federal Article III Court cases...several such cases have been sitting at various levels of State and Federal Article III courts pending

resolution for years. Nor do any Article III judges-State and Federal-look to our United States Constitution IAW their oath of office to support the United States Constitution for clarity/definition/solution to the single question I pose below:

1. "Where is the proclamation ratified by the voters of the United States that amends the United States Constitution to make the health, welfare, safety and benefits of a select group of U.S./State citizens distinguishable because their Indian ancestry/race?"

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tapirrider1 → Paul R. Jones
• 2 years ago • edited

Paul is not "way passed law professors". That he even claims that indicates he has some kind of a problem. And his question is nonsense. Voters do not ratify amendments to the constitution. Paul is a nutcase and trolls every article he can find that has anything to do with American Indians. He uses the comments sections as if they are his own personal soap box to preach his flawed claims.

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disqus_AM_HA • 2 years ago

What a crock of ikshee

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Paul R. Jones • 2 years ago • edited

Our United States Constitution's 14th Amendment's 'equal protection' provisions foreclosed politicians-state and federal-from regulating from the womb to the tomb the health, welfare, safety and benefits of a select group of U.S./State citizens because of their "Ex-slave ancestry/race" in Brown v. The Board of Education; and yet, these very same politicians-state and federal-can regulating from the womb to the tomb the health, welfare, safety and benefits of a select group of U.S./State citizens because of their Indian ancestry/race housed under U.S.C. Title 25-INDIANS without any enumerated powers in our United States Constitution... U.S./State citizens agree that U.S./State citizens with "Ex-slave ancestry/race" cannot be so regulated but accept regulation of U.S./State citizens with "Indian ancestry/race!" Where is the Amendment for the exception in our United States Constitution for one race with "Ex-slave ancestry/race" to be protected from race-based statutory laws and the other "Indian ancestry/race" subject to race-based statutory laws?

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tapirrider1 → Paul R. Jones • 2 years ago

Paul makes these kind of claims on every single article he can find that has anything to do with American Indians. His claims are flawed, erroneous, misleading and quite simply wrong. He tries to argue that because all American Indians are citizens, that Indians no longer exist and that tribes have all been extinguished. He ignores the fact that the citizenship act of 1924 only applied to a few American Indians, the majority were already citizens through treaties and through

majesty were already citizens through treaties and through the Dawes act. And in those cases tribal sovereignty was not extinguished. In fact it was spelled out quite clearly in both treaties and the wording of the Dawes act that treaties and tribal relations with the federal government as outlined in the constitution would not be brought to an end simply by granting citizenship. Paul ran away from me when I tried to discuss with him the Sioux Treaty of Fort Laramie of 1868, which offered citizenship while maintaining the treaty and Indian nations. He also ignores the careful wording in the citizenship act of 1924 that ensured tribes would not be terminated. And he has failed to answer me when I have raised the issue with him that the citizenship act of 1924 was a forced collective naturalization. Nowhere in the constitution is such a power granted, to force citizenship on individuals of foreign nations and then terminate those nations. He ignores all facts and pertinent documents and supreme court rulings. Paul R. Jones is affiliated with an anti-Indian hate group and is an internet troll. He uses the comment sections of every article he can find as his own personal soap box to attempt to preach his warped and distorted constitutional claims. In that, he is not much different than nutcase tax protesters but he focuses on American Indians and tries to convince anyone he can that they don't exist. He targets them and makes false claims against their political governments and existence. He is a disturbed individual who lost in courts and had his appeal thrown out of the supreme court. Now he trolls any article he can find concerning American Indians.

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HaHaHa → tapirrider1 • 2 years ago

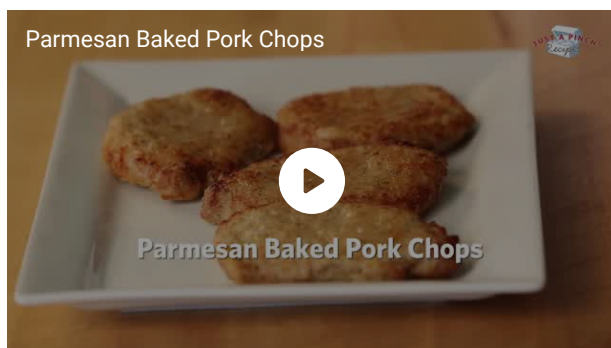
Paul R. Jones sounds like a democratic liberal.

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Paul R. Jones → HaHaHa • 2 years ago

HaHaHa: I don't see anything in your post to disprove my Constitution-base post.



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